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SUBJECT: CCMS: APRIL 1973 PLENARY -- OPENING OF OTTAWA
PLENARY APRIL 10

1. SUMMARY -- OPENING PUBLIC SESSION OF CCMS ROUND TABLE IN OTTAWA APRIL 10 WAS PRESIDED OVER BY NATO SYG LUNS. LUNS GAVE STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF NATO'S WORK IN CCMS AREA. CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTER DAVIS WELCOMED CCMS DELEGATES AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CCMS IN ATTACKING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND IN PROVIDING CANADA WITH LINK TO EUROPEAN ALLIES. CEQ CHAIRMAN TRAIN, AS LEADER OF U. S. DELEGATION, WELCOMED CANADIAN INITIATIVE TO HOST FIRST CCMS PLENARY OUTSIDE OF BRUSSELS AND PROPOSED CCMS BECOME INVOLVED WITH PRACTICAL APPLICABILITY OF SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SYSTEMS. OTHER SPEAKERS AT OPENING CEREMONY WERE FRG(MENKE- GLUCKERT), UK (COTTRELL), BELGIUM (SALMON), AND FRANCE (BARRE). PUBLIC SESSION WAS COVERED BY CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION AND OTHER PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS AS CHAIRMAN OF CCMS PRESIDED OVER PUBLIC OPENING CEREMONY EIGHTH CCMS PLENARY APRIL 10 IN CONFEDERATION ROOM, CANADIAN PARLIAMENT, OTTAWA. SPEAKING AS HOST, CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP EXTENDED WELCOME TO ALL DELEGATES AND PRAISED CCMS AS BEING NEW " DYNAMIC DIMENSION" OF NATO. HARKING BACK TO ORIGINS OF NATO TREATY, HE NOTED ROLE OF LESTER PEARSON IN INSERTING ARTICLE 2 WITH ITS CONCERN FOR GENERAL ATLANTIC COOPERATION. SHARP SAW HOSTING CCMS MEETING AS GIVING CANADA ANOTHER MEANS TO DEMONSTRATE THIS CONCERN, PARTICULARLY IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. HE SAID THAT CCMS, TO CANADA, MEANS A COMMITMENT TO URGENT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION. SHARP ALSO EMPHASIZED UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFICACY OF CCMS PILOT COUNTRY APPROACH, AND QUOTED PRESIDENT NIXON ON THE URGENT NEED TO BRING 20 TH CENTURY MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT TO TERMS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

3. IN STRONG POLICY STATEMENT (BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY TO ALL ADDRESSEES) SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS SKETCHED ORIGINS AND PRESENT STATUS OF NATO CONCERN FOR SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO PEARSON'S ROLE OF ON OF " THREE WISE MEN" WHOSE REPORT IN 1956 LAID GROUNDWORK FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE IN 1958 AND CCMS IN 1969. LUNS ALSO WELCOMED CANADIAN HOSTING OF PLENARY AND NOTED UTILITY OF MEETINGS OUTSIDE BRUSSELS.

4. LUNS CITED THREE CONCEPTS WHICH GUIDE CCMS WORK: (1) PILOT COUNTRY " IDEA," (2) ORIENTATION TOWARD ACTION NOT LONG- TERM RESEARCH, AND (3) POLICY OF OPEN PUBLICITY AND PARTICIPATION BY OUTSIDERS IN CCMS EXPERT WORK. HE NOTED THAT BY MEANS OF PILOT COUNTRY CONCEPT, IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR CCMS WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT NATO FUNDING AND WITH " MINISCULE" SECRETARIAT IN BRUSSELS. LUNS UNDERSCORED CATALYTIC ROLE OF CCMS IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAS ALLOWED NATO TO JOIN THE RANKS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH SUCH PROBLEMS. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED CCMS ACTION APPROACH AND ABILITY TO WORK QUICKLY.

5. PAYING HOMAGE TO MAURICE STRONG (CANADIAN DG UN ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT), LUNS RECOGNIZED VALUE OF UN WORK ON INTERNATIONAL SCALE AND COMMENTED THAT CCMS ATTEMPTED TO COMPLEMENT THIS EFFORT ON A REGIONAL BASIS IN THE ATLANTIC AREA. HE ALSO NOTED ESPECIALLY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND WITH IT THE NEED FOR NATO TO CONTINUE TO BE A MEANS OF MAINTAINING THE " PATTERN OF DYNAMIC TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION WHICH HAS SERVED US SO WELL THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PAST QUARTER CENTURY." AS FINAL POINT, HE URGED ALLIANCE NATIONS TO CONSIDER NEW AREAS FOR FUTURE CCMS PILOT STUDIES, INCLUDING SUCH PROBLEMS AS SOLID WASTE RECYCLING, THERMAL POLLUTION, AND THE WELLBEING OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

6. CANADIAN MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT DAVIS DECLARED THAT WHEREAS THE ALLIANCE HAD BEEN PREOCCUPIED NECESSARILY WITH THE POTENTIAL " WASTES OF WAR" DURING THE 50' S AND EARLY 60' S, IT MUST BE EQUALLY CONCERNED NOW IN THIS PERIOD OF EAST- WEST DETENTE WITH COMBATTING THE " WASTES OF PEACE." HE THOUGHT NATO WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED WITH PROTECTION OF LIFE OF ITS CITIZENS WAS PARTICULARLY APT ORGANIZATION TO BE IN VANGUARD OF EFFORT FOR PROTECTION FOR ALL LIVING THINGS. HE URGED NATO TO EXPAND ITS CONCERN FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND CITED POSSIBLE NEW PROJECT STUDY OF EFFECTS OF JET TRAFFIC IN STRATOSPHERE OVER NORTH ATLANTIC. NOTING EVIDENCE OF INCREASING CLOUDINESS IN THIS HEAVILY TRAVELLED AIRSPACE, HE THOUGHT THERE WERE MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS, SUCH AS EFFECT ON OZONE SUPPLY, TEMPERATURE EFFECTS AND ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION EFFECTS. DAVIS

STATED CANADIAN STRATOSPHERIC CEILING WAS LOWER THAN IN U. S., AND THAT PROBLEMS OF STRATOSPHERIC POLLUTION WERE GREATER IN WINTER. SYG SUGGESTED THAT CANADA PURSUE THIS INITIATIVE AS POSSIBLE NEW CCMS PILOT STUDY.

7. FRG (MENKE- GLUCKERT GAVE BRIEF STATEMENT NOTING FRG APPRECIATION FOR CANADIAN INVITATION AND CONTINUING FRG RECOGNITION OF VALUE OF CCMS ACTION ORIENTATION. HE THOUGHT CCMS AS ALSO VALUABLE IN PROVIDING NEW LINKS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC BEYOND THE EXISTING MILITARY AND POLITICAL NATO TIES. COMMENTING ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, HE SAID THAT FRG WAS MOVING BEYOND FIRST PHASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES WHICH HAD BEEN CONCERNED WITH STOCK TAKING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION. HE THOUGHT FRG WAS NOW UNCLASSIFIED

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READY TO TAKE INSTITUTIONAL ACTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. IN THIS REGARD HE NOTED RECENTLY COMPLETED MEETING OF ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTERS IN VIENNA UNDER AUSPICES OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WHICH HAD RECOMMENDED INVESTIGATION OF NEW LEGAL INSTITUTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. MENKE- GLUCKERT ALSO STATED FRG WOULD BE DISCUSSING SHORTLY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION GRANTING CITIZENS NEW ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS.

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